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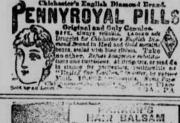
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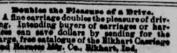
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LINES ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

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Manila is the seat of government and the resident of Governor General, appointed by Spain.

Total area, 115,528 square miles. The group comprises 1,200 islands, of which but 408 are inhabited.

Earthquakes are frequent and hurricanes common.

Rice, sugar, hemp, tobacco, coffee and cotton are raised. Mineral products are gold, copper, iron, lead, mercury, sulptur and coa'.

The Maylays form the greater part of the population, while the negroes and the Chinese inhabit the mountain re-

Weaving and straw-hat making is carried on by the females. The chief manufacture is cigars.

Wild animal : Antelope, fox, wild cat and monkey, while most of the domestic animals common in Europe can be found on the islands.

When billiou or costive, eat a Cascaret, andy cathartise, cure guaranteed, 10c. 25c. HOW THE TIDINGS CAME.

News of the fighting at Manila, on the other side of the earth, says the New York Sun, traveled 14,311 miles, over a dozen or more cables and three or more overlan I wires before it reaches New York. Very few persons, among boards these days, stop to think, when a Manila dispatch is posted, that the SPRING LAMBS, MUTTON,
PORK, BEEF, AND VEAL.
We had spring lambs killed on the 24th of larch. That was earlier than ever before to cable office, in the long journey from the Philippine port to the American shere. It traveled across seas, gulfs, bays, straits, mountains, valleys and plains. But on Monday the news that C mmodore Dewey was ready to bombard Manila was known in New York British operator at Manila opened his

SUCCESSFUL WARRIORS.

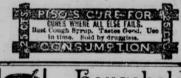
Successful war, as the Free Lance has repeatedly said, is fought by the young. Napoleon was conqueror of Italy at 27, and Alexander the Great at 33. At the beginning of the war for the Union . Lincoln was 52, Grant 39, Logan 35, McPherson 33, Sheridan 31, Sherman 41, Kilpatrick 25, Custer 22, Rosecrans 42, Thomas 45, Meade 46, Stonewall Jackson 37, while R. E. Lee the veteran of the navy, was 60, and Wordon, the hero of the Monitor, was Anthony and Dr. Mary Walker. 43. General Miles and Commodor telling how to prepare many delicate Schley will each be 59 this year.

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A WAUWINET WOOING:

Miss Leila Hamilton was the chief stenographer in the banking office of Harrison Bro., State street, Boston. She directed the feeding of six other typewriting machines, and she kept her subordinates busy from morning until afternoon.

Miss Hamilton was not only invalua ole to her employers. She was also of great use to her sex, in whose emancipation she was most vitally concerned.

Miss Hamilton was, in fact, a fair specimen of the "new woman." Her great ampition was to see woman, in the full possession of the ballot, rising on great billows of reform until all the sins of wicked man were swept away in one great tidal wave of femine votes. But Miss Hamilton was a very attractive young woman. She possessed large and lustrous blue eyes, which looked steadily and straight into the eyes of others and gave birth to new sensations in the hearts of the wicked

In short, Miss Hamilton had all the appearance of being a pretty, happy, and J. E. Johnston were 54. Farragut, guileless chorus girl while she was at little boat was brought alongside, and heart a combination of Miss Susan B, the pair was transferred safely and per year.

"This year, when my summer vaca-I can rest and where I won't be troubled by men, I have discovered an ideal place at Wauwinet, on Nantucket. It's a little neck of land, and on one side is the surf and on the other the rnsh, and there are a great many women there, and as far as I know not one single man. If that is not a paradise, I do not know what is."

Thus it happened that Miss Hawilton landed at Wauwinet, where she peacefully established herself for three weeks of uninterrupted rest. Miss Hamilton was greeted by a little bevy of woman who wore spectacles, had little red oases at the ends of their noses and were plain in their dress and in general strict in their appearance.

"We are so glad you have come," they exclaimed in a chorus, "and it is so nice to have one so young and girlish looking interested in the great cause!"

Mi s Hamilton had made only one mis ake in the catalogue of the advanages of Wauwinet. As it happened there was a fine old mansion, which had been recently purchased by a party of bachelors from New York city. Here they had established themselves for their first season. Thus it happened that there were really 20 single men instead of none at all when Miss Hamiljon made her first appearance.

Miss Hamilton rose early after a fine night's rest. She enjoyed with equal zest her breakfast. Then she started out for a ramble along the beach. She looked down toward 'Sconset, saw the soaring tower of Sankaty light and trudged toward it as a magnet draws

This brought her past the clubbouse where, all unknown, she became an ob-

ject of great interest.
"Gad, Charlie, just look there," called Billy Hills from the reading room, "and don't go too near the window or you will scare her! But, Jove, isn't she a rare bird for Wanwinet? She is the first good looking girl I clared the leader of the crowd, and her ha ve seen since we arrived."

"Guess I'll take a little stroll," quietly observed Davy Ho'mes. "Think I need a little exercise."

"No, you don't!" a half d zen voices objected, "You are too well known. You may disgrace yourself in New York as much as you like, but here are want to be respectable." So "Day," subsided and hided his time.

- TINE

A howling northeaster'y storm bad cut the neck of land on which Wauwinet stands in itwo pieces. This breach occured at the spot which had always been called the "Haulover," because it was the narrowest spot where the fishermen hauled their beats over to the other side. It was now called the "Opening" and was growing wid r and

Miss Hamilton began at once to harden her muscles by rowing and had rented a small skiff for the season She came to this opening, and, little realizing the danger when 'the tide was running, she boldly rowed up to it and suddenly found herself carried along to the old office on State street, she toward the open sea by a power as unmanageable as it was imperceptible.

day. Charlie Harris had seen her set wont to rezeive came no more. out and was slyly following, unseen behind the hedge of bayberry which grew along the footpaths of the neck. I ton which were new and strange

ton handled the oars in a manner which would be creditable to an amazon. He was quite as ignorant as Miss Hamilton herself of the great danger in which | hide it in her waist. she rowed.

But as Miss Hamilton approached the broad opening which leads to the to the office with a sparkling object on great ocean she became alarmed. She saw Harris and for a moment forgot able senior partner received her resigher prejudices by calling for help.

It took less than a minute for Harris, somewhat lighter by the clothing he had hastily taken from his back, to reach the boat. Miss Hamilton had forgotten his sex. At the same time she forgot her prevailing opinion of his kind. Her hoart swelled with gratitude as he took the cars.

But Charlie Harris was unable to cope with that tide, and the boat and its two occupents went sweeping along faster and faster until it was among the heavy breakers of the sea.

It chanced also that Charlie had himself been observed, and a party of a dozen young gentlemen were soon seen to be making hasty efforts to launch a big boat, Then Charlie preceived a party of his friends making good progress toward his boat.

His feelings were somewhat mixed. His desire to be saved was devided geon, with the rank of major; one assiswith the hope that he might have the honor of saving Miss Hamilton alone. He was disappointed, however. The brought to shore.

Then Charlie noticed his own condileagues. "I am going somewhere where conversation. Miss Hamilton also

Sie said nothing about her adventure to the array of severe matrons who lined the piazza as she approached, still water. It is out of the terrible and, eating her supper as quickly as possible, she joined the group, which was Lusily discussing the propaganda of their cause and the campaign which was to be waged for the emancipation of women. Somehow the old subject had lost some of its savor to Miss Hamilton. She talked less and seemed to have lost her animation.

Charlie Harris was also suffering in a different way.

'We are going to apply to the lifesaving service, old man," said Reggie Bowles, for a situation here to rescue pretty girls in the summer, but I'm afraid you'll not be cap'en, Charlie.

Each one had a little jibe until it

was too hot for Charlie. He went to his room and dressed for evening. It was born in him that he owed Miss Hamilton an apology. At all events it made an excellent excuse. As Charlie approached the hotel he noticed Miss Hamilton, and he quietly

cursed himself when he saw her surroundings. Miss Hamilton also noticed him, and Ler color deepened. It was just this moment that she began to hate the "cause." "I beg pardon for interrupting," he

Miss Hamilton." The entire company rose as if governed by the same impulse and departed with elevated noses. Miss Hamilton and Harris had the p'ace to them-

said, but I shold like to speak to you,

At the departure Miss Hamilton found to her surprise that she had actually accepted an invitation to visit Sanksty light the next day.

When the two departed the next morning, there was a wave of dismay in the camp of the woman suffragists. "It is a most disgraceful proceeding, and she is no longer respectable," de-

opinion was regarded as final. Miss Hamilton was no longer troubled by their society. Strangely enough she was no longer concerned over the



degraded condition of women. * * * *

When Miss Leila Hamilton returned was discovered to be as charming and girlish as ever, and it was also noticed This was on the evening of her first that certain callers whom she had been

It was further chronicled that there were other things about Miss Hamil-He thought at first that Miss Hamil- When the postman came and a letter was handed to her-an event of three. or four times a week-Miss Hamilton would turn a little pale and quickly

A month later these events had their explanation when Miss Hamilton came her engagement finger, and the venernation to take effect soon .- Boston

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The non-commissioned staff of each regiment is to consist of one sergeanttion comes," she told one of her col. tion and quickly fied without further major and one quartermaster-sergeant. Each company is to have one captain,

> Each regiment will therefore hereafter have five field officers, five staff officers, two non-commissioned staff officers, and 1,008 men, or a grand total of 1,020 officers and men.

A man coward gets only abuse, but a

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